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MIDDLETOWN, FRIDAY EVENING, Oct. 18, 1844.

PURSUANT to previous notice, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland met in Middletown, Frederick County, Maryland.

The exercises of the Synod were opened with a sermon by the Rev. S. W. Harkey, from 2. Tim. ii. 15.

After the services of the evening, the Secretary, in the absence of the President, announced the first session of Synod on the following morning, at 9 o'clock.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Oct. 19, 1844.

Synod met in the church pursuant to appointment, and was opened with singing and prayer by the Secretary.

Prof. H. L. Baugher was appointed Secretary pro tem.; the roll called, and the absentees marked.

The following is a list of the members composing this body:

MINISTERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Address.</i>	
1 REV. J. D. KURTZ, D. D.,	Baltimore,	Md.
2 " B. KURTZ, D. D.,	Do.	"
3 " M. WACHTER,	Frederick,	"
4 " J. WINTER,	Clearspring,	"
5 " J. G. MORRIS, D. D.,	Baltimore,	"
6 " S. W. HARKEY,	Frederick,	"
7 " D. HEILIG,*	"	"
8 " J. P. CLINE,	Smithsburg,	"
9 " D. J. HAUER,	Lovettsville,	Va.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
10 REV. C. STARTZMAN,	Williamsport, Md.
11 " S. SENTMAN,	Taneytown, "
12 " J. J. REIMENSNYDER,	Woodsboro', "
13 " F. W. CONRAD,	Hagerstown, "
14 " P. WILLARD,	Westminster, "
15 " Prof. H. L. BAUGHER,	Gettysburg, "
16 " C. P. KRAUTH, Jr.	Baltimore, "
17 " C. WEYL,*	Do. "
18 " A. A. MULLER, D. D.,*	Washington, D. C.
19 " C. LEPLEY,	Frostburg, Md.
20 " W. HUNT,	Boonsboro', "
21 " W. A. PASSAVANT,	Pittsburg, Pa.
22 " C. CULLER,	Funkstown, Md.
23 " C. A. HAY,	Middletown, "
24 " A. J. WEDDLE,*	Tarleton, Ohio.
25 " J. M. JENNINGS,†	Baltimore, Md.
26 " B. APPLEBY,†	Do. "
27 " S. D. FINCKLE,†	Cumberland, "

LICENTIATES.

28 " G. FOUK,†	Waynesboro', Pa.
29 " B. SADTLER,†	Baltimore, Md.
30 " — BRIDGMAN,†	New York.

LAY DELEGATES.

JOHN WERDEBAUGH,	Baltimore, Md.
DANIEL KOLP,	Frederick, "
F. BELL,	Smithsburg, "
G. BEEMER,	Lovettsville, Va.
G. FEIDT,	Williamsport, Md.
DR. J. EICHELBERGER,	Taneytown, "
H. BLACK,	Woodsboro', "
J. KAUSLER,	Hagerstown, "
J. WEISE,	Westminster, "
J. GETTY,	Baltimore, "
J. SHECHTER,	Boonsboro', "
C. HILDEBRAND,	Funkstown, "
G. BOWLUS,	Middletown, "
W. LOUGHRIDGE,	Waynesboro, Pa.

* Absent.

† Admitted this session.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

1 L. KNIGHT,	Seminary, Senior Grad.	Emmitsburg, Md.
2 T. W. CORBET,	" Junior "	Cambridge, Ohio.
3 H. R. GEIGER,	College, " "	Millersburg, "
4 J. G. MARTZ,	" " "	Frederick Co., Md.
5 R. A. FINK,	" Sophomore,	Middletown, "

6 J. F. RAMSBURG,	College, Freshman,	Middletown, Md.
7 M. M. BECHTEL,	" "	Smithsburg "
8 J. MILLER,	" "	Manchester, "
9 A. BOSSERMAN,	Preparatory,	Waynesboro', Pa.
10 J. HAEFLEIGH,	"	Westminster, Md.
11 E. GUINEY,	"	Franklin Co., Pa.
12 F. BROBST,	"	Frederick, Md.
13 J. P. SMELTZER,		Middletown, Md.

The Secretary then read the annual report of the President, which, on motion, was accepted. (See appendix B.)

On motion,

I. *Resolved*, That the Rev. S. D. Finckle, from the East Pennsylvania Synod, be received as a member of this body, and that he forward his dismission from said Synod, to our President, as soon as he shall receive it.

Synod now proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

REV. S. W. HARKEY, *President*.

" F. W. CONRAD, *Secretary*.

" J. P. CLINE, *Treasurer*.

At the request of the Secretary, the Rev. C. Lepley was appointed assistant Secretary.

The Rev. F. Ruthrauff, delegate from the East Pennsylvania Synod, and the Rev. J. A. Siess, from the Virginia Synod were admitted as advisory members.

The Rev. Dr. Krauth, from the West Pennsylvania Synod; the Rev. Mr. Rumpf, from the Hartwick Synod; and subsequently, the Rev. Mr. Capito, from the West Pennsylvania Synod; and the Rev. Mr. Fries, from the German Reformed church, were also received as advisory members.

II. *Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes of last year be dispensed with, and that they be referred to a committee.

The committee are brothers Sentman and Krauth, Jr.

The papers designed for Synod were now handed in and distributed among the several committees.

First Committee.—Dr. B. Kurtz, Prof. Baugher and Mr. Werdebaugh.

Second Committee.—Dr. Morris, Rev. Winter and Mr. Kausler.

Third Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Cline and Wachter, and Mr. Bell.

Fourth Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Reimensnyder and Hauer, and Mr. Kolp.

Fifth Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Cline and Hay, and Mr. Feidt. The Parochial reports were now handed in and embodied in a statistical table. (See appendix A.)

III. *Resolved*, That a column be inserted in the Parochial report for dismissals to other churches.

IV. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report on the proper items to be inserted in the statistical table of the Synod, to suggest definite terms to be employed; and to determine such other matters in relation to the subject, as may seem expedient.

The committee consists of Dr. Morris, Prof. Baugher and Rev. Krauth, Jr.

The Treasurer then read his report which was accepted and referred to a committee, consisting of the brethren Getty and Eichelberger.

Second Committee

Report, that paper No. 2, is a letter from the Rev. Dr. Müller, dated Baltimore, in which he informs Synod, that he is actively engaged in that city, in soliciting donations for his church, by which he presumes that he is promoting the interests of the church to a greater degree, at this period, than by his attendance at Synod on this occasion, and therefore begs to be excused for non-attendance.

The circumstances which keep Dr. Müller in Baltimore at present, are of a peculiarly pressing character, rendering his presence almost essential to the success of his enterprise.

The Committee recommend that he be excused in view of these circumstances, and at the same time express the hope, that he may be entirely successful in procuring funds for the erection of an English Lutheran house of worship in Washington.

J. G. MORRIS,
JOHN WINTER,
JACOB KAUSLER.

Adopted.

The Secretary of last year now presented his report on the minutes of the different Synods, which was accepted and referred to a committee for revision. The committee are Dr. B. Kurtz and Rev. Messrs. Reimensnyder and Cline.

V. *Resolved*, That on Lordsday evening, a meeting be held in the church, in behalf of the Bible Society of this place, and the better observance of the Lordsday; that Prof. Baugher address the people on the Bible subject, and Dr. B. Kurtz, on the subject

of the Lordsday; and that after they have finished their addresses, liberty of speech be allowed to other brethren.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Prayer by Dr. Krauth.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock, Oct. 19, 1844.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Finckle.

The minutes of the preceding session read and approved.

Fourth Committee

Report, that paper No. 4, is a letter from the Council of the Evangelical Lutheran church at Silver Run, Carroll county, Md., in which they request Synod to permit them to receive, in future, the ministerial services of the Rev. P. Scheurer, instead of those of the Rev. P. Willard, of Westminster, although according to the division made by this Synod, they would properly belong to the Westminster pastoral district. They assign as the reason of their request, that they are all Germans and that the said Scheurer can preach more acceptably to them in the German language.

The Committee beg leave to offer the following:

VI. *Resolved*, That the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Silver Run is bound to adhere to the division which was formally made by this body.

J. J. REIMENSNYDER,

D. J. HAUER.

Which after the reading of the letter from the Silver Run congregation, was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on last year's minutes now made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the minutes of the last Synod, respectfully report, that they have attended to said duty, and find the following items which seem to claim attention.

On page 7, resolution IV., provision is made for the relief of the present pecuniary embarrassment of the Seminary at Gettysburg, by the annual payment of five dollars from each pastoral district in our Synod, so long as these difficulties continue. Your Committee would ask whether these difficulties do still exist?

In reference to which,

VII. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the alumni effort in behalf of the Theological Seminary has rendered any special Synodical exertion unnecessary, the resolution passed at Westminster and found on page 7, is hereby rescinded.

On page 11, resolution IX., *Resolved*, That the balance of brother Heyer's claim against this Synod, be paid forthwith. Has this claim been fully paid?

VIII. *Resolved*, That it be answered in the affirmative.

The duty required of the Secretary to write to the Corresponding Secretary of the South Carolina Synod, in answer to his fraternal letter, has been performed.

On page 18, resolution XXI., referring back the report on "new measures" to the Committee, to report to this Synod, claims your attention. Is it to be resumed?

IX. *Resolved*, That the consideration of the subject be dispensed with for the present.

The resolution of thanks to Gen. Van Ness, was transmitted to him as required by resolution XXIV., page 19. Your committee would offer the following:

X. *Resolved*, That the principal publications of our church elegantly bound, be made a present to Gen. Van Ness, as a token of our gratitude for his liberality to our church at Washington.

Resolved, That this resolution be carried into effect.

We would call attention to resolution XXVII., page 20, requiring all the members of Synod, ministers and lay-delegates, to be present at the Synodical communion on Sabbath morning. Is it right to defer it until Monday morning?

XI. *Resolved*, That it be considered right.

Resolution XXVIII., page 20, appoints Dr. Morris to preach an ordination sermon at this meeting. We expect that this duty will be performed.

Resolution XXX., appoints a Committee to petition the legislature of Maryland, for an act of incorporation for this Synod. Has it been done?

The Committee, through their chairman, Dr. Morris, reported that they had attended to their duty, and presented the act of incorporation, which was read and accepted.

(See appendix E for act of incorporation.)

XII. *Resolved*, That it be communicated as extensively as possible to our people, that if they desire to make bequests to this Synod, in aid of any of our benevolent operations, they specify particularly that the amount be bequeathed "to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland" in trust for the benefit of the Education Society, (or any other society preferred,) in connection with Synod.

Resolution XXXI., page 21, in reference to the Rev. Mr. Scheurer of the West Pennsylvania Synod, will be brought up in the report of our delegate.

S. SENTMAN,

C. P. KRAUTH, Jr.

Adopted.

The report of the delegate to the West Pennsylvania Synod, brother Sentman, was now read, accepted, and referred to a committee of two. The Committee are the brethren Hay and Finckle.

Fifth Committee

Report, that paper No. 5, is a letter from the Treasurer of the Parent Education Society, to the Treasurer of the Education Society of this Synod.

The committee recommend that this letter be handed over to the Treasurer of our Synodical Society, to be embodied by him in his report.

J. P. CLINE,

C. A. HAY,

GEO. FEIDT.

Adopted.

(For report, see proceedings of Education Society.)

Third Committee

Report, that paper No. 3, is a document from the Funkstown, Beaver Creek and Middleburg congregations, signed by the elders and deacons, and contains the following particulars, viz. :

1st. They inform Synod that on the 6th of September last, they formed themselves into a regular pastoral district under the name of "The Funkstown Charge."

2nd. They respectfully request to be taken under the care of this Synod.

3rd. They say, that they take pleasure in bearing testimony to the christian deportment and zealous labors of their pastor, the Rev. C. Culler.

4th. They ask also that their pastor be ordained in his charge, and that a committee be appointed to attend to said duty.

We offer the following resolutions :

XIII. *Resolved*, That the Funkstown charge be received under the patronage of this Synod.

XIV. *Resolved*, That we hear with pleasure the very favorable testimony given in favor of brother Culler.

XV. *Resolved*, That his ordination be referred to the Ministerium.

J. P. CLINE,
M. WACHTER,
F. BELL.

Adopted.

First Committee

Report, that the document submitted to them contains the President's report for last year. In reference to the question of receiving into our communion ministers of sister churches, during the recess of Synod, they beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

XVI. *Resolved*, That when a minister of a sister church, applies for admission into our communion, during the recess of Synod, his application, if made within three months of an approaching Synodical meeting, shall be deferred until then, and submitted to Synod.

XVII. *Resolved*, That in a different event, notice of the application shall be given to the President, whose duty it shall be to call a special Conference, to consist of all the Lutheran ministers residing in the vicinity or belonging to the Conference district in which the candidate applies : due notice of the object of the Conference having been given to each minister ; and if on due examination he is recommended by two-thirds of said Conference, it shall be the duty of the President to admit him until the next meeting of Synod.

In reference to the item referring to the benevolent operations of the day, they offer the following resolutions :

XVIII. *Resolved*, That we regard with the deepest interest, as we have always done, the efforts of christians in this country, in the various branches of benevolence.

XIX. *Resolved*, That we recommend the cause of the American Bible and Tract Societies, the American Sunday School Union, the Colporteur enterprise, and the cause of Temperance and Missions, to our churches and people as worthy of their confidence and co-operation, and as instruments in the hands of God of conferring incalculable blessings both upon the church and the world.

XX. *Resolved*, That we press upon our people with increased earnestness the importance to us as a church, of the Theological Seminary and Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and as auxiliary to both, the cause of beneficiary education. We recommend these institutions to the cordial patronage of our people, that our young men may become intelligent and pious, and that the educated mind of the church may be sanctified by the grace of God.

In reference to the sanctity of the Lordsday, they offer the following resolutions:

XXI. *Resolved*, That as the Sabbath is an institution of Divine appointment and is of universal and permanent obligation; as the observance of it is essential to the highest social, civil and religious interests of man; we hereby recommend to all the ministers of the gospel belonging to this Synod, frequently to preach on the subject; to point out the benefits which will result from the observance of it, and the evils, which, by laws that God has established, and which no man can annul or evade, will follow the violation of that sacred duty.

XXII. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to all heads of families, to take their children and youth regularly and constantly to the house of God on the Sabbath, and to supply themselves with some good Sabbath manual, to aid them in imparting to all under their care, a correct knowledge of the great Bible doctrines, of the divine appointment, perpetual obligation, and rich and lasting benefits of the Lordsday.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That this Synod approve of the several State Conventions which have been held, with a view to the promotion of the observance of the Lordsday, and especially of the National Convention for the same purpose, to be held in Baltimore on the 27th of November next, and earnestly recommend to all our ministers and churches, to appoint a large delegation to said Convention.

B. KURTZ,
H. L. BAUGHER,
J. WERDEBAUGH.

Adopted.

Leave of absence was now asked and granted to the brethren Hunt, Startzman and Winter until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Report of the Committee on the Treasurer's Accounts.

The committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find the vouchers for Professor's salary fund correct, as stated. They have not been able to find two vouchers, properly to adjust the Synodical account. The Treasurer is prepared to account to Synod therefor.

J. GETTY,
J. W. EICHELBERGER.

Adopted.

(For Treasurer's report, see appendix F.)

XXIV. *Resolved*, That the explanation made by the Treasurer, in regard to the reasons why the two vouchers did not accompany his report, is entirely satisfactory to Synod.

The following preamble and resolutions were then passed.

Whereas, the doctrines and practices of the Lutheran church in the United States, have been variously and repeatedly misrepresented, we, the clerical members of this Synod, feel bound, in duty to the church, and for the sake of the truth, to exhibit a summary of the doctrines which we believe and teach, and of the practices which prevail in our churches.

XXV. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare a summary of the doctrines and usages of the church, within the limits of this Synod, and report at our next meeting.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That 100 copies thus prepared be printed on a sheet, and one copy be sent to each clerical member of the Synod, who shall write on the margin or elsewhere, any corrections or additions which he may deem essentially important.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That these copies, thus corrected and amended, be returned to the committee, whose duty it shall be to incorporate into the summary, all the suggestions and corrections they may deem important.

The committee are Prof. Baugher, Dr. B. Kurtz and Rev. Harkey.

Dr. B. Kurtz now read a letter from the Rev. C. Weyl, in which he assigns sickness as the reason for his not attending the meeting of Synod; submits his parochial report; and begs to be excused.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That the absence of brother Weyl be excused.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That the first business on Monday afternoon be the examination of applicants for licensur .

XXX. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution for Synods, recommended by the General Synod, and report as soon as possible.

The committee are the brethren Morris, Sentman and Cline.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That the duty of licensing and ordaining be attended to on Monday evening next.

Adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock on Monday morning.

Prayer by Dr. Morris.

EXERCISES OF THE SANCTUARY.

On Saturday evening brother Rumpf preached to a crowded audience from John xi. 36, "Behold how he loved him."

On Sabbath morning at half past 8 o'clock, a Prayer meeting was held in the church.

At 10 o'clock brother Cline preached to a large audience in the Lutheran church, from Judges v. 23.

At the same hour brother C. P. Krauth, Jr. preached in the German Reformed church, from 1 Samuel xxviii. 15.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, brother Siess preached in the Lutheran church, from Hebrews iv. 14—16.

At night, a meeting of the Middletown Bible Society and for the better observance of the Lordsday, was held in the Lutheran church. Prof. Baugher and Dr. Morris entertained the audience on the Bible subject, and Dr. B. Kurtz on the subject of the Lordsday.

At the same time brother Passavant preached to the coloured people in their church.

Brother F. Ruthrauff preached in the afternoon in the country church connected with the Middletown congregation, and several of the brethren visited the surrounding charges, and preached unto them the unsearchable riches of Christ.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.

The Pastoral Association of this Synod held meetings on Friday and Saturday evenings, after the exercises of the house of God, which were highly interesting and profitable to all. Were these meetings held every night when we meet at Synod, they would be the most delightful and useful, ministers ever have with each other.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock, Oct. 21, 1844.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Cline.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

A note was then read from the brethren Bridgman, Sadtler and Fouk, respectfully requesting to be examined in private. Where-

upon a motion was made that said request be granted, which was negatived.

A motion was then made that said examination be held before the Ministerium, which was also negatived.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution

Report, that they have not had time to make a perfect revision, and not wishing to present an immature report, ask to be continued another year.

J. G. MORRIS,
S. SENTMAN,
J. P. CLINE.

Granted.

Synod now proceeded to the election of two directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, one for one year, being the unexpired time of the Rev. E. Keller, and one for five years, in the place of Dr. Morris, whose term of service has expired, which resulted in the re-election of Dr. Morris for five years, and of the Rev. F. W. Conrad for one year.

(For list of directors see appendix G.)

Synod now proceeded to the election of four clerical and four lay delegates to represent them in the General Synod, to be held in Philadelphia in May next, which resulted as follows:

Clerical Delegates.

DR. B. KURTZ,
" J. G. MORRIS,
REV. S. SENTMAN,
" F. W. CONRAD.

Lay Delegates.

MR. JACOB KAUSLER,
" CHARLES D. HINKS,
" ISAAC BAUGHER,
DR. SWOPE.

XXXII. *Resolved*, That the officers appoint alternates to the General Synod, and insert their names in the minutes.

Whereupon the officers appointed the following, they having the next highest number of votes.

Alternates Clerical.

REV. S. W. HARKEY,
PROF. BAUGHER,
REV. J. J. REIMENSNYDER,
" J. P. CLINE.

Alternates Lay.

MR. JAMES GETTY,
" JOHN WERDEBAUGH,
" GEORGE BOWLUS,
" C. MANTZ.

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That those who have been elected and shall be unable to attend, shall give notice to the Secretary, whose duty it is to give immediate notice to the alternate.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare an abstract of the proceedings of this Synod during the last two years, including statistics, state of religion, &c. to be presented to the next General Synod.

XXXV. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report on the state of religion in the bounds of this Synod.

The Committee are brothers Cline and Sentman.

(For report see appendix D.)

Synod now proceeded to the election of the time and place of the next meeting.

Invitations were presented from Washington, Cumberland and Emmittsburg. The election resulted in the choice of Washington, D. C. for the place of the next meeting of Synod.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That the time of our Synodical meeting be changed from Friday evening to Thursday evening, before the third Sabbath of October, A. D. 1845.

Synod now adjourned to attend the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and to meet again at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Prayer by brother Finckle.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

At 11 o'clock the Rev. F. Ruthrauff preached from Isaiah lv. 8, 9; the Rev. Dr. Krauth consecrated the emblems; after which, the ministers, theological students, lay delegates, and a large number of members, communed at the table of the Lord.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, Oct. 21, 1844.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Jennings.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That the resolution declaring that the examination of the applicants Bridgman, Sadtler and Fouk, shall not be in private, be reconsidered.

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That said examination be held in private.

Whereupon, the President appointed Dr. B. Kurtz and brothers Cline and Finckle an examining Committee.

Dr. B. Kurtz, having left a sick family at home, asked and obtained leave of absence from to-morrow (Tuesday) morning.

XXXIX. *Resolved*, That the examining Committee be instructed to hold a colloquium with the brethren Appleby and Jennings, who had been received, ad interim, members of this Synod, by the former President.

The Committee appointed to alter and amend the Secretary's report on the different minutes of Synods, now presented the same altered and amended in several particulars, which was then adopted as amended.

(For report see appendix C.)

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the delegate of this Synod to the Synod of West Pennsylvania now presented the same with the following resolutions :

Report of the Delegate from this body to the Synod of West Pennsylvania, convened at Hanover, Pa. Sept. 26, 1844.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

I attended as your delegate, the last meeting of the above named Synod; and as some of the proceedings of that body have an immediate bearing on the interests of a portion of the church embraced within the bounds of this Synod, I have felt it my duty, to present a report of said proceedings, with the part I took in them, to this body. I trust that the importance of the subject will be a sufficient apology, (if apology be necessary) for so unusual a report.

It will be seen by reference to our last minutes, resolution xxxi. page 21, and the minutes of the West Pennsylvania Synod, pp. 24 and 25, that the conduct of Rev. Mr. Scheurer in interfering within the bounds of our Synod in an irregular and unauthorized manner, was a subject of complaint and disapproval on our part; that said conduct was declared irregular by his own Synod; and that he was advised by it to desist and withdraw from our bounds, until an amicable arrangement of the existing difficulties could be made.

In the face of this action on the part of both Synods, said Scheurer has continued his irregular and unauthorized interference within the bounds of our Synod, for one whole year. Under these circumstances your delegate renewed the complaint of our Synod before the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

The subjects of complaint preferred were :

1st. Irregular and unauthorized interference in congregations within the bounds of our Synod.

2nd. Contempt for the expressed wishes, and defiance of the authority of both Synods, during the whole of the past year.

3rd. A laxity of practice in the discharge of his pastoral duties, which affords an asylum for discontented and unworthy members of neighboring congregations; thus preventing the exercise of proper discipline by the stated pastors of such congregations; increasing their difficulties, and encouraging and promoting disorder and contempt of discipline and pastoral authority among the people. These charges were all abundantly sustained by facts and evidences.

The plea of the said Scheurer was,

1st. That he was only preaching to vacant congregations as a supply, and was willing to relinquish them so soon as we could afford them a regular pastor.

To which I replied, that we could at any time do so by attaching them to either the Westminster or Manchester charge, whichever they would prefer; that the only thing which prevented an amicable adjustment was his interference; and demanded in the name of our Synod, an immediate relinquishment of the congregations and cessation of operations among them.

He then changed his ground and plead,

2nd. That he had taken charge of, or had made an agreement with the Silver Run congregation for a stated period of time, which would not expire until next March, and he was unwilling to relinquish the charge of it until then.

3rd. That he was not aware of the irregularities and evasion of discipline complained of (although the fact was admitted by the officers of the Silver Run church.)

Whereupon the following action of Synod was had:

"Whereas, brother Scheurer pledges himself to discontinue his labors in the Silver Run Congregation, so soon as his present year is ended, and also that he will do his utmost to sustain the discipline, and promote the efforts of the neighboring churches and brethren,

"Therefore *Resolved*, 1st. That this Synod have no objection to his so doing.

"2nd. That in justice to Mr. Scheurer, a special Conference be appointed to investigate the rumours afloat in reference to him, and that the delegate of the Maryland Synod, give the said Scheurer a copy of the charges he holds against him."

By this action of Synod it will be seen, that the contempt of its authority by one of its own members, has been permitted to pass unreprieved; and the grievances complained of on our part, not only remain unredressed, but are actually sanctioned and entailed upon us six months longer. Whilst in order that justice may be done Mr. Scheurer, we are required to prefer and prosecute charges before a special Conference, composed of the very same persons, who have thus not only virtually acquitted him of the charges preferred by us before their Synod, but actually sanctioned his course.

I need scarcely add, that I did not feel authorized as the delegate of this Synod, to prefer charges, &c. as required by their second resolution above cited; though we believe we have just grounds for complaint (besides those above stated) which we think can be fully substantiated.

With this plain statement of facts, without any suggestion on my own part, the whole of this painful and delicate subject is submitted to the wisdom and judgment of Synod.

S. SENTMAN.

XL. *Resolved*, That we approve of the steps taken by our delegate, at the recent meeting of West Pa. Synod, in reference to this matter.

XLI. *Resolved*, That we exceedingly regret the course of procedure of our sister Synod, in not only permitting the conduct of the Rev. Mr. Scheurer to pass unrebuked, and our grievances to remain unredressed, but in sanctioning and continuing the evils complained of.

XLII. *Resolved*, That we consider it as asking too much, to require us to prefer and prosecute charges before a conference entirely without our bounds.

XLIII. *Resolved*, That if our sister Synod is unwilling to redress the evils of which we complain, or remove the obstacles to an amicable adjustment of the difficulties existing at the Silver Run congregation, we respectfully request her to make some arrangement, by which she may take said congregation under her own patronage, and relieve us from the responsibility we feel in reference to it.

XLIV. *Resolved*, That a copy of this report and proceedings be attested by our Secretary and sent immediately to the President of the West Pennsylvania Synod.

CHARLES A. HAY,
S. D. FINCKLE.

Adopted.

The Committee on the "Parochial Report" now presented the following :

Your committee would report, that the chief defects of the table of parochial reports, are,

1st. Want of definiteness.

2nd. Want of comprehensiveness.

1st. To remedy the former, we would have two columns headed, "admitted by Certificate," and "excluded from Church Communion."

For the single column "deaths" make two, headed respectively, "Adults" and "Infants," with the understanding, that no funerals but those of members of the respective churches, whether infants or adults, be noted.

There should be a distinction made between items on which there is nothing reported, and those in which the report is "nothing" or "none."

The point of distinction in the opinion of your committee, between infants and adults in the register of baptisms, is, that adults are those baptized on their own confession of faith, whether infants in law or not.

To column of prayer-meetings, add another for additional meetings of other kinds.

2nd. Add a general heading for contributions with the following titles : "Local Objects," "External Objects." By the former we mean that which is collected for home purposes, as building and repairing churches, parsonages, lecture rooms; increasing Sunday School or congregational libraries, &c.

By the latter we mean, sums raised for our institutions at Gettysburg or elsewhere, Education and Missionary Societies, foreign and domestic, assistance given other congregations, or the great general schemes of Christian philanthropy, as the American Bible, Tract, Missionary or Sunday School associations, Societies or Unions, &c.

Beyond these general heads they conceive items of contributions to be unnecessary in the parochial reports, as they are fully made public in other ways.

C. P. KRAUTH, Jr.,
J. G. MORRIS,
B. KURTZ.

Adopted.

The President asked leave of absence for his delegate, Mr. Kulp, which was granted.

Synod now resolved itself into a ministerial session, which see.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 22, 1844.

Synod opened after being in session as an Education Society.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

XLV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary furnish at the expense of Synod 25 copies of licensure and ordination Certificates, printed at the Publication Rooms, and bring them with him hereafter to the Synod, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the amount required for the certificates.

XLVI. *Resolved*, That 300 copies of the minutes of this Synod be published at the Publication Rooms, and distributed as usual among the various Synods.

XLVII. *Resolved*, That the postage of those sent to our own members be paid by the Synod.

The lay delegates, Getty, Werdebaugh, Black, Shechter and Loughridge, now asked and obtained leave of absence.

XLVIII. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Cline be appointed delegate to the Virginia Synod, Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz to the East Pennsylvania Synod, and the Rev. Mr. Lepley to the Alleghany Synod.

Dr. B. Kurtz offered the following :

Whereas, the edition of Luther's Catechism, lately issued at the Publication Rooms in Baltimore, and illustrated by Dr. Morris, has been carefully examined by a number of the ministers of this Synod, all of whom unite in regarding it as one of the best books of the kind in the English language, and therefore as eminently adapted to aid ministers in the important duty of the catechetical instruction of the young. Therefore,

XLIX. *Resolved*, That we cordially recommend its use to the churches connected with this Synod.

L. *Resolved*, That the address of Dr. Morris on catechization, delivered before this Synod on Monday evening, be requested for publication in a cheap form, for distribution as a tract.

LI. *Resolved*, That br. Sentman be appointed to preach the or-

dination sermon at the next meeting of Synod, if there should be applicants.

The Committee to whom was re-committed the report on "New Measures" presented at the meeting of last Synod, asked to be excused from the further consideration of the subject, which was granted.

LII. *Resolved*, That our delegates to the General Synod, be instructed to advocate the resolution, that the district Synods defray the expenses of their delegates.

LIII. *Resolved*, That brother C. P. Krauth, Jr., be appointed to deliver a sermon on the Lutheran view of the Lord's Supper, at the next meeting of Synod.

LIV. *Resolved*, That a petition be drawn up by the Secretary of this Synod to the Legislature of Maryland, for a repeal or alteration of the law fining ministers for solemnizing marriages of persons under age, and that this petition be sent around to the ministers for their signatures.

LV. *Resolved*, That the brethren solicit the co-operation of ministers of other denominations.

The Committee on Conferences,

Report the following division of Synod into Conferences:

- 1st Conference, The cities of Baltimore and Washington.
- 2nd " Manchester, Westminster, Taneytown and Woodsboro'.
- 3rd " Frederick, Jefferson, Middletown, Lovettsville and Bethel.
- 4th " Boonsboro', Hagerstown, Smithsburg, Waynesboro', Funkstown, and Williamsport.
- 5th " Clear Spring, Cumberland, Frostburg, and Preston county, Va.

LVI. *Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the Silver Run congregation of the action of Synod in regard to them.

Synod now adjourned to meet in Washington city, D. C., on Thursday evening before the third Sabbath of October, A. D. 1845.

Prayer by the President.

I do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a correct and true statement of the proceedings of this Synod.

F. W. CONRAD, *Secretary*.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 21, 1844.

I. *Resolved*, That, as brother Passavant could not be ordained at the time and place appointed by last Synod, in consequence of his removal to Pittsburg, he be ordained to-night.

II. *Resolved*, That brother Charles A. Hay be ordained to-night.

III. *Resolved*, That, as brother C. Culler withdraws the request of the people of his charge for his ordination in their midst, and prefers being ordained here, he be ordained to-night.

The examining Committee now presented the following:

The committee appointed to hold a colloquium with the Rev. Dr. Jennings and the Rev. Mr. Appleby, late of the Methodist Protestant church, report, that we conversed with them on various points of doctrine, christian experience, church government, and the mode of conducting public worship, and are perfectly satisfied that their views are essentially accordant with our own, and we cordially recommend them to full fellowship in our communion. The committee further report, that they have examined Messrs. Bridgman, Sadtler and Fouk, from our institution at Gettysburg, in Natural Theology, Philology, Didactic Theology, Apologetics, Homiletics, Ecclesiastical History, Chronology, Pastoral Theology, Experimental Piety, &c., and are fully satisfied with the evidences they afforded, of their competency for the discharge of ministerial duty, and therefore cordially recommend them all for licensure.

B. KURTZ,
J. P. CLINE,
S. D. FINCKLE.

Adopted.

The President appointed Dr. B. Kurtz and brothers Cline and Winter, to officiate in ordaining the brethren Hay, Passavant and Culler, and in licensing Messrs. Bridgman, Sadtler and Fouk.

IV. *Resolved*, That a certificate of honorable dismissal be granted to the Rev. W. A. Passavant, he having removed to the bounds of another Synod.

Adjourned to meet as an Education Society.

Prayer by brother Passavant.

This evening Dr. Morris preached the ordination sermon, after which the solemn ceremony of licensing and ordaining was performed by Dr. Kurtz and brothers Cline and Winter. The brethren Bridgman, Sadtler and Fouk, presented themselves at the altar, Dr. Kurtz delivered the charge and propounded the questions to them, whereupon the right hand of fellowship was extended unto them and they were received as licensed candidates.

Prayer by brother Cline.

After this, the brethren Hay, Passavant and Culler approached the altar; the charge was again delivered and the questions propounded by Dr. Kurtz, when they knelt down and were solemnly ordained by the laying on of hands, to the ministry of the gospel.

Prayer by brother Winter.

F. W. CONRAD, *Secretary.*

MEETING
OF THE
SYNODICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 21, 1844.

A meeting of the Synodical Education Society was now held.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are:

Rev. B. KURTZ, D. D., *President.*

“ J. J. REIMENSNYDER, *Secretary.*

“ Prof. BAUGHER, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Treasurer of the Parent Education Society was now presented and read. The following is a copy of the same.

The Treasurer of the Parent Education Society renders the following report to the Treasurer of the Maryland Synod, for the year ending October, 1844, viz.:

<i>Synod,</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
To balance due as per report of October, 1843,	- - -	\$326 98
" order of Rev. E. Keller, in favor of Parent Education Soc'y,	- - -	156 50
" appropriation to 13 beneficiaries \$100 each,	- - -	1300 00
" interest on \$300 for 1 year,	- - -	18 00
" per centage, &c., to Treas. on amount disbursed 18 months,	- - -	14 57
		<u>\$1816 05</u>
<i>Synod,</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
Oct. 19.—By Rev. Mr. Conrad and Dr. Kurtz, collections transferred from Parent Society,	- - -	\$54 25
" " Amount paid at synodical meeting,	- - -	161 73
Nov. 1.—Rev. D. J. Hauer, Va.,	- - -	30 00
" " " S. Sentman, Taneytown,	- - -	125 00
" " " E. Keller, Hagerstown,	- - -	142 75
" " " F. W. Conrad, Waynesboro',	- - -	125 37½
" " " J. G. Morris, Baltimore,	- - -	83 00
" " " C. P. Krauth, Jr., Baltimore,	- - -	37 50
" " " S. W. Harkey, Frederick,	- - -	50 00
" " " P. Willard, Westminster,	- - -	30 02
" " " J. P. Cline, Smithsburg,	- - -	20 00
" " " S. G. Harbaugh's donation,	- - -	10 00
		<u>\$869 62½</u>
Balance due,	- - -	\$946 42½

Respectfully submitted,

Gettysburg, Oct. 14, 1844.

D. GILBERT, Treasurer.

The brethren who had funds for the Society, now paid them to the Treasurer as follows:

Rev. S. W. Harkey,	- - -	\$50 00
" C. Startzman,	- - -	61 50
" J. J. Reimensnyder,	- - -	34 00
" P. Willard,	- - -	4 65
" C. P. Krauth, Jr.,	- - -	12 50
" W. Hunt,	- - -	25 00
" J. P. Cline,	- - -	75 00
By others unknown,	- - -	44 76
Rev. Mr. Harkey, (since Synod,)	- - -	37 00
" C. A. Hay, " "	- - -	134 75
" " collected at Synod,	- - -	30 00
		<u>509 16</u>
Total amount,	- - -	509 16
Deficit as per report,	- - -	946 42½
		<u>\$437 26½</u>
Present debt,	- - -	\$437 26½

I. *Resolved*, That the sum of money heretofore given to beneficiaries be reduced to \$80 per annum while in the Theological Seminary.

II. *Resolved*, That beneficiaries who unite in matrimony, before their education is completed, receive no more aid from this Society.

The following is a list of the beneficiaries now upon the funds of this Society.

L. Knight,	-	-	-	-	Seminary.
F. W. Corbet,	-	-	-	-	"
H. R. Geiger,	-	-	-	-	College Junior.
J. G. Martz,	-	-	-	-	" "
R. A. Fink,	-	-	-	-	" Sophomore.
J. F. Ramsburg,	-	-	-	-	" Freshman.
M. M. Bechtel,	-	-	-	-	" "
J. Miller,	-	-	-	-	" "
A. Bosserman,	-	-	-	-	Preparatory.
J. Hæfleigh,	-	-	-	-	"
E. Guiney,	-	-	-	-	"
F. Brobst, (admitted this session,)	-	-	-	-	"
J. P. Smeltzer,	-	-	-	-	

III. *Resolved*, That the speakers for to-morrow evening be appointed.

The brethren appointed are Messrs. Conrad and Harkey, but if other brethren should feel disposed to advocate this noble cause, they are heartily invited to do so.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Appleby.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock, Oct. 22, 1844.

The Education Society met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by brother Jennings.

In the absence of the President, Dr. B. Kurtz, Prof. Baugher took the chair.

The ministers and lay-delegates were now called upon to pay the yearly subscription of one dollar each, the sum required of

each member of the Society. The amount thus paid, at this time, and in the evening, amounted to \$35, which, with Dr. Krauth's donation of \$5, makes \$40 received from ministers and lay-delegates.

IV. *Resolved*, That a Committee of four be appointed to hold a colloquium with the young men who are under the patronage of this Society. The Committee consists of the brethren Morris, Cline, Hunt and Sentman.

V. *Resolved*, That we sustain thirteen young men the ensuing year at our institutions at Gettysburg.

Adjourned to meet in Synodical session.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 22, 1844.

The Education Society resumed its meeting.

The Committee appointed to hold a colloquium with the young men under the patronage of this Society, presented the following report which was adopted :

The committee appointed to have an interview with the students of divinity under our care, state, that they have attended to their duty, and that the interview was entirely satisfactory. They recommend in the case of those who are beyond 24 years of age, and who have not yet entered college, that their course be abbreviated at least several years, and that they be continued on the funds.

J. G. MORRIS,
J. P. CLINE,
S. SENTMAN,
W. HUNT.

VII. *Resolved*, That the attendance of our beneficiaries, at the next synodical meeting at Washington, be left optional with them.

VIII. *Resolved*, That Frederick Brobst be received on the funds of this Society.

The following brethren now stated that they would endeavor to raise the sums set opposite to their names, or more if possible, for the sustaining of our young men the ensuing year and the payment of our deficit the last year:

Rev. M. Wachter,	-	-	-	-	-	\$20 00
" J. G. Morris,	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
" S. W. Harkey,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
" J. P. Cline,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Amount carried up,	-	-	-	-	-	\$345 00

Amount brought up,	-	-	-	-	\$345 00
Rev. D. J. Hauer,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" S. Sentman,	-	-	-	-	125 00
" J. J. Reimensnyder,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" F. W. Conrad,	-	-	-	-	125 00
" P. Willard,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" Prof. Baugher,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" C. P. Krauth, Jr.,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" C. Lepley and Rev. S. D. Finckle,	-	-	-	-	100 00
" W. Hunt,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" C. Culler,	-	-	-	-	50 00
" Dr. Jennings,	-	-	-	-	10 00
" Wm. Appleby,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Jefferson charge,	-	-	-	-	50 00
Waynesboro' "	-	-	-	-	125 00
Middletown "	-	-	-	-	115 00
Williamsport, "	-	-	-	-	100 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$1,465 00</u>

In the evening the Society held a public meeting in the church. The audience was addressed by the Rev. F. W. Conrad, who was followed by the Rev. S. W. Harkey and Dr. Morris. As the congregation has contributed their portion to this cause a few weeks ago, no general effort could again be made. Such, however, as had not given or who wished again to give, were called on, when about \$20 were received and subscribed.

J. J. REIMENSNYDER, *Secretary.*

(APPENDIX A.)
PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations.	BAPTISMS.		Confirmed.	Admitted.	Communicants.	Excluded.	Deaths.	SAB. SCHOOLS.				Prayer-meetings	CONTRIBUTIONS.		RESIDENCES.
		Infants.	Adults.						Lutheran	Union.	Teachers	Scholars.		Educat'n.	Synod.	
1 Rev. J. D. Kurtz, D. D., -	4	65	6	8		76		15		4			4			Baltimore, Md.
2 " B. Kurtz, D. D., -	3	17		14		105		3		1						Baltimore, "
3 " M. Wachter, -																Frederick, "
4 " J. Winter, -	1	50	1	13	8	195		13	3		90	360	4	\$125	\$10.00	Clearspring, "
5 " J. G. Morris, D. D., -	1	70	2	8	7	300		32	1		40	250	4		10.00	Baltimore, "
6 " S. W. Harkey, -																Frederick, "
7 " D. Heilig, -	4	45	3	18		350		23		4	80	270	4		5.00	Preston county, Va.
8 " J. P. Cline, -	2	51	10	25	1	400		17	4		24	250	10	50	6.80	Smithsburg, Md.
9 " D. J. Hauer, -	3	62	11	52	7	480		18	5		40	300	12		5.00	Lovettsville, Va.
10 " C. Startzman, -	3	85	2	24	2	630		20	4	5	94	470	12	125	5.00	Williamsport, Md.
11 " S. Sentman, -	4	36		32	2	350		31		4	40	300	4	44	6.50	Taneytown, "
12 " J. J. Reimensnyder, -	1	50	10	11		500	5	6	1		4	275	6	142	10.00	Woodboro', "
13 " F. W. Conrad, -	6	70		60	10	375	3	26	3	2	60	300	11			Hagerstown, "
14 " P. Willard, -	1	2		4	3	170			1		20	90	1	50	4.00	Westminster, "
15 " H. L. Baugher, -	1	15	3	3	14	70		8			25	140	5	50	5.00	Gettysburg, Pa.
16 " C. P. Krauth, Jr., -	2	140	1	21		500		24	1		15	120				Baltimore, Md.
17 " C. Weyl, -	1	12		3	4	32		4	1		5	65	1		5.00	Baltimore, "
18 " A. A. Müller, D. D., -	3	53		21		170	1		5		44	300	3	29	2.00	Washington, D. C.
19 " C. Lepley, -	5	30	4	27		273		4	1	2	25	150	4	25	5.00	Frostburg, Md.
20 " W. Hunt, -	3	35	10	35	2	213		8		3	30	135	4	36	5.00	Boonsboro', "
21 " C. Culler, -	3	106	3	23	20	347		17	1	7	93	555	8	100	5.00	Funkstown, "
22 " C. A. Hay, -	3	18		12		300		7	1		12	125	2			Middletown, "
23 " S. D. Finckle, -	1	20		8	5	78			4		60	506	2		3.00	Cumberland, "
24 " J. W. Jennings, -	4	35	3	13	5	400	4	12	5	1	100	400	8	125	5.00	Baltimore, "
25 " B. Appleby, -	3															Baltimore, "
26 Jefferson charge, estimated, -																
27 Waynesboro' charge, -																
Total, -	62	1067	69	435	90	6664	15	288	42	33	946	5355	109	\$901	\$97.30	

(APPENDIX B.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST :

In consequence of the removal of our esteemed President, Rev. E. Keller from our bounds, the duty of presenting the annual report devolves upon your Secretary. In discharging this duty, is it necessary to call attention to the deep debt of gratitude we owe to our heavenly Father, for the preservation of our lives, and all the blessings we now enjoy? Truly goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives, especially through the past year. Death has not invaded our ranks, the smiles of approving heaven have rested upon us and our people, no visible mark of divine displeasure has been manifested; but, we are now here before God, to render him the thank offering of our hearts, for his goodness, forbearance, and love. "Bless the Lord, O our souls! and forget not all his benefits."

The official acts of the officers of Synod, during the past year, have been few. It is known to you that early in the spring, the President of this body, Rev. E. Keller, resigned his pastoral charge at Hagerstown, with a view of removing to Ohio. Before his departure, he transmitted to me a report of his official acts up to that time, accompanied with a resignation of his office with its functions, into my hands.

The following is a transcript of his communication :

HAGERSTOWN, May 7th, 1844.

Dear Brother :

As I am about to remove out of the bounds of Synod, and consequently it will devolve on you to preside over its affairs, and report to its next convention, I herewith communicate unto you my official acts since its last meeting.

On the 26th of December, I received a letter from Rev. C. A. Hay, notifying me of his acceptance of a call from the Middletown district, and requesting the appointment of a committee to install him. Rev Messrs. J. G. Morris, D. D., S. W. Harkney, and W. Eyster were appointed, who attended to this duty on the 13th of April.

I also appointed Rev. Messrs. J. P. Cline and F. W. Conrad to install Rev. W. Hunt in the Boonsboro' district, which they did on the 24th of February.

On the 13th of March, I received an application for membership in our Synod from Rev. J. M. Jennings, of the Methodist Protestant church, accompanied by a certificate of his honorable dismissal from the authorities of said church, and highly flattering testimonials from Drs. Kurtz and Morris, which are hereby submitted.

Guided by the example of my official predecessors, I sent him a certificate of membership until the meeting of Synod.

On the 19th of April, I gave an honorable dismissal to brother W. F. Eyster, who designed to locate in the bounds of the East Pennsylvania Synod.

On the 3rd of May, I gave a similar dismissal to brother J. G. Suman, who wished to connect himself with the Virginia Synod within whose bounds he labors.

Signed,

E. KELLER.

To Rev. S. Sentman, Secretary of the Maryland Synod.

On the 4th of June, I received an application for membership in our Synod from Rev. B. Appleby, of the Methodist Protestant church, accompanied by a certificate of honorable dismissal from the proper authorities of that church and very flattering testimonials from the President of the Annual Conference, as also from Rev. Dr. Morris. Influenced by these testimonials and the urgent request of Dr. Morris, as well as the example of my predecessors, I sent him a certificate of membership until this meeting of Synod. It remains for Synod to approve or disapprove the act.

On the 3rd of August, I received a letter from brother Winecoff, requesting an honorable dismissal from this body to the Alleghany Synod, he having taken charge of congregations within its bounds. This request was granted.

At the request of the church-council of the congregation of Jefferson, (they being destitute of a pastor) and upon the cordial and pressing invitation of the pastor and council of the Middletown charge, I transferred the meeting of Synod from the former to the latter place.

I also sent an appointment to Dr. B. Kurtz, to attend as delegate to the East Pennsylvania Synod, but as that Synod has deferred its meeting till after ours, thus affording us an opportunity to elect a delegate, that appointment is recalled.

Brother Harkey was duly appointed to preach the Synodical discourse.

I attended as delegate, the Synod of West Pennsylvania, convened at Hanover, Pa., on the 28th ult. The object and result of this mission I deem of sufficient importance to form a separate report.

These, I believe, are all the official acts of the past year.

The two vacancies, existing within the bounds of this Synod at our last meeting, have both since been filled; that in Middletown, by Rev. C. A. Hay; and that at Cumberland, by Rev. S. D. Finckle. The vacancy occasioned at Hagerstown, by the removal of Rev. E. Keller, was immediately supplied by Rev. F. W. Conrad; and that at Luther chapel, occasioned by the resignation of Rev. W. A. Passavant, by Rev. B. Appleby. The only vacancies, therefore, now existing within the bounds of this Synod, are the charges of Jefferson, including the congregation at Burkettsville; and the Waynesboro' charge. Middletown may also be expected soon to become vacant, in consequence of the election of the pastor to a professorship in our Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

As some diversity of opinion exists, in regard to the constitutional power or authority of the President of Synod, to receive members from other ecclesiastical bodies into our connection during the recess of Synod, and to grant *ad interim* licences; and as some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the exercise of this power, I would suggest the propriety of Synod's defining its position on this point, and definitely fixing and limiting the authority of its officers.

I would call the attention of the members of this Synod, to the importance of full and accurate reports, not only of the statistics necessary to be embodied in the parochial reports; but also of the state of religion, efforts in the cause of benevolence and moral reform, &c. This seems to be necessary, in order to form any thing like a correct estimate of the condition and progress of our church: and a reluctance to do so seems to argue, either a want of candor, a consciousness of delinquency, or a culpable indifference to duty.

You will be called upon at this meeting to elect two Directors of the Seminary at Gettysburg, one for one year, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. E. Keller; and one for five years in the room of Dr. Morris, whose term of office expires with this Synod. Delegates to the General Synod must also be elected.

I would here suggest the propriety and expediency of Synod expressing an opinion in reference to the new English Liturgy, recently published; and instructing her delegates to the General Synod, how to act in reference to this subject.

Would it not also be necessary and proper for Synod to express an opinion in reference to the grand enterprises, of benevolence and moral reform, in which the Protestant churches are now engaged; viz. the Education, Missionary, Bible, Tract and Temperance Societies; the efforts in behalf of the better observance of the Sabbath, Anti-slavery, &c. &c., and if approved to urge their claims upon our people.

I would call attention to several items of unfinished business, &c., on our last minutes; and recommend that the Committee to whom they may be referred, to report upon them as early as possible.*

I would also take this opportunity to correct one or two typographical errors in our last printed minutes which materially affect the sense. The first is on page 22, 3rd line from the top, where we read *printed* instead of *private*; and the second on page 24, 9th line from top, where we read *formerly* for *formally*.

The Protocol of this Synod which had been lost for several years, has been found, and is herewith restored to Synod.

The duties required of the Secretary by resolution XIX., page 16, and resolution XXIV., page 19, of our last minutes have been discharged; but the duty required by resolution VI., page 22, was not performed, the Secretary not knowing where to direct the letter; but a copy of the minutes was ordered to be sent.

And now may the Holy Ghost influence and direct us in our deliberations, to such results only, as may promote the glory of God, and the blessing of the church, and the world. Amen.

S. SENTMAN.

*I allude to resolution XXI., page 18, and resolutions XXVII., XXVIII., XXX., and XXXI., pages 20 and 21.

(APPENDIX C.)

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE MARYLAND SYNOD, ON THE MINUTES OF SISTER SYNODS.

1. HARTWICK SYNOD. Convened at Johnstown, September 2nd, 1843. The names of 15 ministers appear on the minutes as members of this body. The officers elected were:

Rev. ADAM CROWNSE, *President*,
 " WM. N. SHOLL, *Secretary*,
 " DAVID EYSTER, *Treasurer*.

They report 25 congregations; 485 baptisms, (321 infant and 164 adult;) 556 confirmed; 3669 communicants; 42 prayer-meetings; 32 Sabbath schools, with 150 teachers and 930 scholars.

The minutes of our Synod were received and favorably noticed by this body.

Rev. W. Gunn, our Missionary to India, was ordained at this meeting.

The reports on the state of religion are very favorable, and a deep and general interest appears to be taken by this Synod, in the cause of moral reform and the various benevolent operations of the church in our day.

This Synod met again, according to its last resolution of adjournment, at Dansville, June 1st, 1844. The attendance at this meeting was small, and the Parochial reports very incomplete. The officers present are;

Rev. THOMAS LAPE, *President*,
 " WM. N. SHOLL, *Secretary*,
 " MARTIN J. STOVER, *Treasurer*.

Their report on the state of religion is still very favorable, and their interest in the cause of benevolence and moral reform, unabated. They highly recommend the Colporteur system, especially among the Germans.

Death has removed one of their number, namely, Rev. Jacob Moyer, from the field of labor, to his eternal rest. They do not appear to have received our last Minutes, although five copies were sent to them.

ALLEGHANY SYNOD. This body held its *second* meeting in Somerset, Pa., June 1st, 1843; and its *third* in Indiana, Pa., September 14th, 1843.

The names of 16 Clerical brethren appear on the minutes as connected with this body.

One of their number, namely, Rev. B. Laubach, a young and promising brother, has been removed by death. Its officers are:

Rev. J. MARTIN, *President*,
 " P. RIZER, *Secretary*,
 " A. BABB, *Treasurer*.

The Parochial report shows 62 congregations; 873 baptisms, (viz. 685 infants, and 188 adults;) 1048 confirmed; 5276 communicants; 45 Sabbath schools; 81 prayer-meetings; &c.

The receipt of our Minutes is acknowledged, accompanied with a very flattering notice; and they resolved to reciprocate friendship and cultivate fraternal intercourse with us by sending delegates to our Synod.

On page 13, we find the following important and encouraging resolutions, viz.

1st, *Resolved*, That we take pleasure in recommending our Collegiate and Theological institutions at Gettysburg to our Churches, and especially to candidates for theological education.

2nd, *Resolved*, That we disapprove of any minister belonging to our Synods, interfering with said institutions by giving private instruction to candidates for the ministry, or others.

On pp. 30-31, we also find the following:

Resolved, That this Synod, although it is ready and willing to adopt all scriptural measures, which have for their object the conversion of sinners and the glory of God; yet, it cannot sanction any thing like extravagance or fanaticism, either among Ministers or Laymen.

They warmly recommend renewed and more efficient exertions in the cause of beneficiary education; the Alumni association, &c. &c.

They approve and recommend our plan of reporting on the minutes of sister Synods. They deplore the spiritual destitution within their bounds, the want of laborers, &c.

They report 33 vacant congregations. They, however, report numerous and extensive revivals in those portions of the church which enjoy a stated ministry, and the Lord is blessing the labors of these brethren in the respective fields over which he has placed them. The Rev. M. Eyster was appointed delegate to our Synod.

3. NEW YORK MINISTERIUM, convened at Livingston Manor, September 16th, 1843.

Their minutes contain the names of 35 Clerical members, 19 of whom were present. The officers elected were:

Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, *President*,
 " JACOB C. DUY, *Secretary*,
 " N. W. GOERTNER, *Treasurer*.

The Parochial report shows an aggregate of 35 congregations; 832 baptisms, (789 infants and 43 adults;) 470 confirmations; 5791 communicants; 35 Sabbath schools, with 60 teachers and 628 scholars.

Their remarks on the state of religion are highly encouraging, and show an interest and activity in the cause of the Master, worthy of imitation.

They condemn the disposition and tendency to frequent ministerial changes, show the decided advantage of a permanent Ministry, and warmly recommend catechisation and the temperance cause, (*see Resolution 16 and 23, &c.*)

They are also called to mourn the death of one of their number, viz. Rev. F. G. Mayer.

They do not appear to have received the minutes of our Synod, although they were sent to them.

SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA, met at Aaronsburg, September 2nd, 1843.

There are 35 ministerial brethren connected with this Synod, 23 of whom were present. The officers are:

Rev. A. H. LOCHMAN, *President*,
 " JACOB ALBERT, *Secretary*,
 " WM. GERMAN, *Treasurer*.

The Parochial report exhibits 106 congregations; 1886 baptisms, (1665 infants and 221 adults;) 1580 confirmed; 10,867 communicants; 92 Sabbath schools, &c. &c.

The presence of our delegate, Rev. B. Kurtz, D. D., is mentioned, but no notice is taken of our Minutes, hence they could not have been received. Dr. Krauth was elected delegate to our Synod.

They condemn the course of Mr. Scheurer, for his unauthorised and irregular interference among congregations within the bounds of our Synod.

They make no report of the state of religion, and do not manifest a zeal and efficiency in the cause of benevolence and moral reform, commensurate with their former zeal.

5. SYNOD OF THE WEST, convened in Hopeful Church, Boon Co., Kentucky, October 4th, 1843.

It numbers 16 ordained Ministers and 15 Licentiates. Its officers are:

Rev. N. B. LITTLE, *President*,

" E. B. OLMSTEAD, *Secretary*,

" J. J. LEHMANOWSKY, *Treasurer*.

Their Parochial report shows 45 congregations; 500 baptisms, (418 infants and 82 adults;) 227 confirmed; 236 received from other churches; 2690 communicants; 16 Sabbath schools; 21 prayer-meetings, &c.

This body embraces a very extensive territory, and an exceedingly interesting and important field of usefulness is opened before them. But whilst the harvest is so very plenteous, the laborers are entirely inadequate to the task of gathering it in. Will we not pray the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth laborers into this field; and will we not unite with our prayers, corresponding efforts.

They contemplate a division of their body into two or three parts.

They notice favorably, and highly commend, the efforts of the American Tract Society: one of whose agents was present at the meeting.

They acknowledge the receipt of our Minutes, and notice them and us very favorably.

6. ENGLISH SYNOD OF OHIO. This body is composed of 20 ordained Ministers and 20 Licentiates; and held its eighth annual session in Canton, Ohio, October 14th, 1844. Its officers are:

Rev. J. B. RECK, *President*,

" J. HAMILTON, *Secretary*,

" S. RITZ, *Treasurer*.

Their Parochial report exhibits an aggregate of 117 congregations; 1166 baptisms, (853 infants and 313 adults;) 1375 confirmed; 109 received from other churches; 5978 communicants; 58 Sabbath schools; 107 prayer-meetings, &c.

The minutes of our Synod were received, and favorably noticed by them. On page 24 of their last minutes, we find the following:

Resolved, That we hereafter will not receive any students from the institutions at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, who leave said institutions in an irregular manner: but shall require from them a certificate of good character from some member or members of the faculty.

This large and respectable Synod has increased with unparalleled rapidity, and occupies one of the most important fields, to our church, in the United States.

Its members are zealous and active, and the Lord has owned and greatly blessed their labors during the last synodical year.

They warmly recommend the periodicals of our Church, and the writings of our ministers, &c.

They contemplate a division of their body.

7. EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, held its second annual meeting in St. Matthew's church, Philadelphia, October 21st, 1843.

This young Synod already numbers 18 members, and promises fair to become one of the most active and efficient of all our Synods.

Besides the regular members of Synod, there were 3 delegates from sister Synods, and 18 advisory members present, at the last meeting of this body.

Its officers are:

Rev. J. P. SHINDLE, *President*,
 " T. STORK, *Secretary*,
 " F. R. ANSPACH, *Treasurer*.

Br. Conrad, our delegate, attended this meeting and was cordially received, and the receipt of our Minutes is acknowledged.

Their Parochial report shows 39 congregations; 632 baptisms, (530 infants and 102 adults;) 693 confirmed; 4501 communicants; 40 Sabbath schools; and 51 prayer-meetings.

Liberal contributions were also made by several of the brethren, to the cause of Missions and beneficiary Education; and resolutions passed in favor of these objects, as also the American Sunday School Union, Temperance, &c.

The "Cent-a-week" plan was adopted and recommended.

Rev. W. Gunn, our Missionary to India, was solemnly set apart to the important office and work of foreign Missions, at this meeting.

The report on the state of religion is highly gratifying and encouraging; most of the charges having been blessed with precious and extensive revivals of religion.

On page 17 we find the following:

Resolved, That frequent ministerial changes are highly objectionable, and should only be made upon the most mature and prayerful consideration, and that due notice, whenever it is possible, should be given to the congregation to be left.

The report on "*New Measures*," presented at the last meeting of our Synod, and laid over till the present meeting, was presented at, and adopted by this body.

It is matter of deep regret, that the relations existing between this body and the old Pennsylvania Synod, are not of that friendly character which is ever desirable among christian brethren; especially, of the same household of faith.

8. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA, &c., convened at St. Matthew's church, Orangeburg district, S. C., November 11th, 1843.

It is composed of 27 ordained Ministers, 3 Licentiates, and 4 exhorters. One of their number, viz., Rev. Mr. Bernhard, has been removed by death. The officers are:

Rev. J. BACHMAN, D. D., *President*,
 " W. BERLY, *Recording Secretary*,
 " E. L. HAZELIUS, D. D., *Corresponding Secretary*,
 Col. W. CAUGHMAN, *Treasurer*,
 HENRY MULLER, Esq., *Treasurer of Seminary Funds*.
 Dr. P. TODD, *Treasurer of Centenary Funds*.

Their parochial report shows 37 congregations; 351 baptisms; 392 members received; 2383 members connected; 10 Sabbath Schools, with 47 teachers and 408 scholars.

The special attention of this Synod, is being directed to the moral condition and spiritual wants of their slave population, and a new interest is awakened in their behalf.

The benevolent operations of the church at large, viz. the Bible, Tract, Missionary, Education and Temperance Societies, and the effort in favor of a proper observance of the Sabbath, are all favorably noticed, and warmly commended by this body.

Our Minutes are noticed, and reference is had to the letter of their corresponding Secretary, to the former President of our Synod, which was presented and acted upon at our last meeting. (*See p. 16, Res. 19.*)—[Your Secretary replied as there directed.]

The Cent-a-week plan was approved; and a plan and constitution for a fund for the relief of disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, was adopted.

A deep interest is manifested in our foreign Missionary operations. Their Literary and Theological institutions at Lexington, S. C., seem to be in rather a languishing condition. Yet there appears to be a renewed determination on the part of the brethren to sustain them.

The members of this body have to meet with and contend against some trials and opposition, yet their course is evidently onward; and we trust they will be found efficient instruments in the hands of God in carrying forward the work of the Lord, in the interesting and important field which they occupy.

9. **SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA**, convened at Concord, Cabarras county, N. C., May 3rd, 1844.

This body numbers 7 ordained Ministers and 4 Licentiates. One of its members, the Rev. Henry Graeber, has been removed by death during the past year. Its officers are,

Rev. WM. ARTZ, *President*,
 " SAMUEL ROTHROCK, *Secretary*,
 Col. JOHN SHIMPOCH, *Treasurer*.

The parochial report shows 21 congregations; 194 baptisms; 73 confirmed; 14 received by letter; 1882 communicants. The Minutes of our Synod are noticed, and reported upon. These brethren have the cause of Christ at heart, though called to labor through many discouragements and trials; out of them all may the Lord deliver them; and may this little cloud overspread the whole of the moral firmament, and abundantly water the field of their labors.

10. **SYNOD OF VIRGINIA**, met in Winchester, May 11th, 1844. This body now numbers 14 ordained Ministers and 4 Licentiates. Its officers are:

Rev. J. B. DAVIS, *President*,
 " L. EICHELBERGER, *Secretary*,
 " T. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

Their parochial report exhibits 39 congregations; 282 baptisms; 300 confirmed; 2263 communicants; 20 Sabbath schools; and 43 prayer-meetings.

To use their own language: "The statement of the condition and progress of religion in the respective churches, was highly interesting, and shows that in our churches generally, the cause of evangelical truth and piety is progressing. The benevolent enterprises of the day are sustained with increasing efficiency and success; and though much darkness and error remain to be overcome, yet in view of what has been done, we have abundant cause to thank God and take courage." (*See p. 8.*)

Our delegate, the Rev. J. J. Reimensnyder, was present at this meeting, and our minutes are acknowledged and very favorably noticed; as were also the proceedings of the Alumni Association of Gettysburg Seminary and its objects.

Catechetical instruction was strongly recommended, and the Temperance cause commended to favor.

On page 34 are two important resolutions, one in reference to the preaching of unlicensed students, and the other on granting "*ad interim*" licenses.

The brethren composing this Synod, are evidently laboring with zeal and success in the cause of the Master. May the Lord bless them abundantly in the important field they occupy.

11. **SYNOD OF WESTERN VIRGINIA**, met in Union church, Botetourt county, Va., May 25th, 1844. There were 7 Clerical members present. The officers are:

Rev. JACOB SCHERER, *President*,

" ELIJAH HAWKINS, *Secretary*,

Mr. JONAS HUDDLE, *Treasurer*.

The parochial report shows 17 congregations; 87 baptisms, (59 infants and 28 adults;) 57 confirmed; 1044 communicants; 10 prayer-meetings, &c.

Our Minutes are noticed in their proceedings.

This little Synod is evidently "doing what she can" to promote the glory of God, and the salvation of men, in the field assigned her by Providence. May the blessing of the great Head of the Church rest upon its labors and efforts.

GERMAN SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA, met at Pottstown, Pa. June 2nd, 1844.

The names of 57 Clerical members appear on the minutes of this body, as connected with it. The officers are:

Rev. J. MILLER, D. D., *President*,

" J. W. RICHARDS, *Secretary*,

" J. C. BAKER, D. D. *Treasurer*.

The parochial report shows an aggregate of 208 congregations; 5170 baptisms; 2258 confirmed; 29,831 communicants; and 77 Sabbath schools, &c. &c.

The Minutes of our last Synod are acknowledged and reported on. They assign the following reason for not reporting on our former Minutes, viz.

"That our Minutes were submitted to it for examination and report, and the cause of its not having presented a report, does not originate in a disregard for our sister Synod, but in the fact, that the only copy of the Minutes in the possession of the Synod, was mislaid and could not be found." (*Vide p. 22, Eng. ver.*)

13. **FRANKEAN SYNOD**, convened at Parishville, Oswego Co., N. Y., June 6th, 1844. The officers are:

Bishop N. VAN ALSTINE, *President*,

" H. L. DOX, *Secretary*,

" D. OTTMAN, *Treasurer*.

The names of 21 Bishops appear on their Journal as members of this body.

Their statistics are so incomplete, and withal not added together, that nothing like a fair aggregate can be given. The receipt of our Minutes is acknowledged and they are briefly noticed.

They profess an interest in the cause of benevolence and moral reform in general, but their sympathies are particularly enlisted in the subject of slavery.

May the Lord soon open "a great door and effectual," for the egress of this great evil from the church, our country and the world.

Their paper, "The Lutheran Herald," has been dead for some time, but they have resolved to revive it again.

RECAPITULATION.

SYNODS.	Ministers.	Congregations.	BAPTISMS.		Admitted.	Communicants.
			Infants	Adults.		
1. Hartwick Synod, ...	15	25	321	164	556	3669
2. Alleghany "	16	62	685	188	1048	5276
3. New York Ministerium, . . .	35	35	789	43	470	5791
4. West Pennsylvania Synod, . .	35	106	1665	221	1580	10867
5. Synod of the West, ...	31	45	418	82	463	2690
6. Eng. Synod of Ohio, ...	40	117	853	313	1484	5978
7. East Pennsylvania Synod, . .	18	39	530	102	693	4501
8. South Carolina "	30	37	351		392	2383
9. North " "	11	21	185	9	87	1882
10. Virginia "	18	39	184	98	300	2263
11. Western Virginia "	7	17	59	28	59	1044
12. German Synod of Pa., . . .	57	208	5170		2258	29831
13. Frankean "	21	40	336	87	270	2321
14. Maryland "	30	61	979	144	972	7126
Total, ...	364	852	12,425	1,479	10,632	85,562

(APPENDIX D.)

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE BOUNDS OF THE MARYLAND SYNOD.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of reporting on the state of religion beg leave to present the following:

Dr. Morris reports, that "during the past year there has been the usual attendance on public worship and other meetings, and that there has been no extraordinary religious excitement. My church has contributed about \$850 to the various religious societies, and in aid of other churches. A new preaching place has been opened in Baltimore county, which is served by myself occasionally and Dr. Jennings."

Prof. Baugher reports, "that there is nothing in the religious condition of Christ's church, Gettysburg, worthy of particular attention. The public services of the sanctuary and the weekly lecture are well attended. The truth is well received and souls are, from time to time, made savingly acquainted with the Saviour."

Brother Harkey reports, "that during the last year we have not enjoyed the blessing of any extensive revival, as was the case for several years previous, though we have not been without some tokens of the Divine favor. Several very interesting cases of conversion have occurred. For the last few months—owing to the great political excitement and other causes, there has been less attention to the subject of religion, than usual, and vital piety has been in a depressed condition. We hope the day is near when we shall see better things."

"Various improvements have been made in the external and temporal affairs of the church during the past year, which make the charge very pleasant. Since the removal of brother Wachter to Frederick, the country has been separated from the town, and a new charge created. Brother Wachter has now the Bethel church under his care, and has also organized two little congregations at the Rocky Springs and Fair View school houses, composed of members from the Frederick charge, so that the number of communicants has been reduced in my charge more than one hundred, and my labors are now confined exclusively to the city of Frederick."

Brother Cline reports, "that the preaching of the word is tolerably well attended, and the usual organizations are kept alive; although more worldly mindedness prevails than was the case several years ago."

"During the last six months, politics has engrossed the minds of the majority more than the bleeding cause of the Redeemer. While some have backslidden, a larger number have become lukewarm. How few comparatively whose path resembles that of the just, "which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." With God's blessing we hope soon to see a more encouraging state of things."

Brother Hauer reports, "that during the past year his congregations have prospered, and for the last month there are strong indications of a revival in one congregation, and in the other there has existed a work of grace."

"Peace and harmony exist; the means of grace are well attended; and the institutions of the church are patronized."

Brother Sentman reports, "that the general attendance on the preaching of the word is very good, and two respectable classes of catechumens are now attending instruction. Since our last meeting, the Lord has poured out his Spirit and revived religion in the Taneytown congregation. These are the favorable aspects of the subject. On the other hand, the deplorable and all-pervading political excitement, which is sweeping like a tornado over the land, leaving moral desolation in its track, has presented a dreadful barrier to the onward progress of the gospel, and been the cause of much sin. Many have been borne along by the bitter and impetuous torrent of party strife and driven from the commanding position in piety and devotion to which they had attained. Intemperance and vice in various forms have been encouraged and increased, and the hearts of the pious have been made to bleed over blasted hopes and the desolation of Zion."

"When will the church assert her high prerogatives, and discharge her solemn duty in reference to this evil, by raising her voice and lifting up her standard against it?"

Brother Hunt reports, "that in three of the five congregations of his charge, revivals of religion have been enjoyed."

"At Sharpsburg, the Lord poured out his Spirit at our communion season in the fall, and several professed saving grace."

"At Bakersville, the Lord blessed a protracted effort of about two weeks, and about sixty souls professed peace in believing. Some were nominal members, some united with other churches and about twenty were received into our church after a course of instruction, who remain faithful to the Lord."

"In Pleasant Valley, the Lord blessed a similar effort and twelve or fifteen professed grace. As we had our services in a school house which was crowded, this little band determined to build a church, which will soon be dedicated."

"Nothing special in Boonsboro' and Ringer's."

"With joy for the measure of success which has attended my labors, and sorrow for

my deficiencies, I conclude with the prayer that I may have grace to be more useful, faithful, and successful in winning souls to Christ."

Brother C. P. Krauth, Jr., reports, "that God has here given us much for which to thank him. The church has been struggling with external difficulties, but brotherly love and union of action have been the source of internal happiness. An increasing thirst for Biblical study has been manifested. The Sunday school, blessed as it is with an able and devoted superintendent, has been flourishing. Christ has been our strength when we have been strong: our weakness is our own. We live yet not we, for it is Christ who liveth in us."

Brother Conrad reports as pastor at Waynesboro', "that during seven months of the past synodical year he had charge of that district. During that time, interesting seasons 'of refreshing from the presence of the Lord' were experienced at Waynesboro' and Quincy. Christians were greatly built up, some wanderers were restored, and a considerable number professed to yield themselves unto the Lord, at both places. At Jacob's nothing special was experienced. Had I remained, a considerable accession would have been made this summer, to the different churches. Attendance to preaching was very good, the weekly meetings sustained as usual, together with the various Sabbath schools. Several cases of discipline have occurred, but upon the whole, we can be thankful for what he has done for that people.

"When I visited them to make the regular education effort, they manifested the same promptness and liberality as when I was yet their pastor.

"Although they have been vacant for five months, scarcely a Sabbath has transpired, that they have not had their usual amount of preaching. The brethren around nearly all responded to the call to give them a Sabbath, and what was lacking in this respect, the theological students supplied.

"Special calls for funerals, Sabbath school celebrations, and temperance lectures have been in part attended to by myself, so that they have fared better than districts usually do, when vacant. I am happy to say that the Rev. John Heck will in all probability soon take charge of them."

Brother Conrad reports as pastor at Hagerstown, "that nothing special has occurred since he removed from Waynesboro'. The congregations on the Sabbath are large, the weekly meetings for lecture, monthly concert, male, female and congregational prayer are attended by many, though many more ought to be found in them.

"The Sabbath school is large and interesting. It consists of an infant school, a colored department, and the general school. The library has had a large accession, the teachers have been supplied with the Sabbath School Journal and the children with the Youth's Gazette, and a number of tracts have been received for distribution, which give it a new impetus.

"The German part of the congregation, which was scattered on account of changing their hour for preaching, has become reconciled, attends preaching, resumes its prayer-meetings, and promises a fair field for usefulness.

"An effort for the Seminary made in July, resulted in the sum of \$1,300 and upwards.

"An effort made soon after for the entire liquidation of the church debt, and making all necessary repairs, resulted in subscriptions of about \$1,200 which may yet be increased.

"Political excitement has caused a number to render themselves subjects of discipline. Many are still only nominally connected with the church, i. e. they were once

admitted, have not been excommunicated, but do not commune and attend to their other christian duties.

"Temperance has suffered much during the excitement, but still, some accessions were made, by having mass meetings in the market house every Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock, addressed by the different ministers of town during the latter part of summer. Upwards of 100 signed the pledge.

"As brother Culler has now charge of Funkstown, this congregation claims my entire attention.

"The field is large, inviting and difficult. The Lord send grace according to our wants."

This report is necessarily incomplete, as a number of the brethren did not report to the Committee, which the Committee hope will not be the case in all time to come, as a resolution was again passed, making it the duty of each one to make such a report. Upon the whole we have much to rejoice over, but more to mourn on account of the general coldness that prevails on the subject of religion. May soon seasons of refreshing be experienced every where.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. CLINE,
S. SENTMAN.

(APPENDIX E.)

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE MARYLAND SYNOD.

MARYLAND, SCT.

At a session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the last Monday of December, being the twenty-fifth day of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and ended the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

His excellency,

FRANCIS THOMAS, Esquire, Governor.

Among others, the following law was enacted, to wit: No. 90: An Act incorporating the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland.

Whereas, application has been made to this General Assembly, for an act of incorporation, in behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland, which may enable them to manage with convenience their temporal concerns. Therefore,

SECTION 1st. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the present members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland, and their successors shall be and hereby are created and declared to be a body corporate, by the name, style, and title of "*The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the State of Maryland*," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead, and be impleaded, in courts of law or

equity in this state or elsewhere, and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew, at their pleasure, and also to ordain and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall be necessary and proper for the regulating the temporal concerns of said Synod, for promoting religion in it. Provided, they be not repugnant to this act, or to the laws of the State.

SEC. 2nd. And be it enacted, That the said Synod shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer for the time being, together with such ministers of the gospel and laymen, as they in their wisdom and prudence, may from time to time admit as members of said Synod.

SEC. 3rd. And be it enacted, That the said Synod may annually elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who are to comply with such rules and regulations, as may be adopted by the said Synod.

SEC. 4th. And be it enacted, That the said Synod and their successors by the name and style aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, to have, purchase, take, receive and hold lands, tenements, results, annuities and other hereditaments, which may be sold, devised, or in any other way conveyed to said Synod for their use, or in trust for them; provided, that the said corporation shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

By the House of Delegates,
February 19, 1844.

This engrossed bill, the original of which passed the House of Delegates the 15th day of January, 1844, was this day read and assented to. By order,

GEORGE G. BREWER, *Clk.*



By the Senate,

February 19th, 1844.

This engrossed bill, the original of which passed the Senate the 18th day of January, 1844, was this day read and assented to. By order,

JOS. H. NICHOLSON, *Clk.*

FRANCIS THOMAS.

MARYLAND, SCT.

I, Richard W. Gill, Clerk of the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore of Maryland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true copy of the act of the General Assembly of Maryland, of which it purports to be a copy, as taken from the original engrossed bill, deposited in, and belonging to, the office of the Court of Appeals for the Western Shore of said State.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk, and affixed the Seal of the said Court of Appeals, this 16th day of September, A. D., 1844.

RICHARD W. GILL, *Clerk.*

(APPENDIX F.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts for the ordinary uses of Synod.

Balance in the Treasury at the last settlement,	-	-	-	-	-	\$8 91
Amount received from congregations at last meeting,	-	-	-	-	-	68 00
Whole amount received,	-	-	-	-	-	\$76 91
Expenditures,	-	-	-	-	-	67 59½
Balance in the Treasury,	-	-	-	-	-	\$9 31½
Paid to Drs. Kurtz & Morris expenses,	-	-	-	-	-	\$8 37½
" to Rev. S. W. Harkey,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
" to Rev. E. Keller on Rev. Mr. Heyer's claim as Missionary,	-	-	-	-	-	56 00
" Rev. E. Keller for postage on letters,	-	-	-	-	-	1 22
" Dr. Morris, for procuring Charter,	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
						<u>\$67 59½</u>

Receipts for Professor's salary.

Received at the last Synodical meeting for the above purpose,	-	-	\$55 00
Paid to Mr. C. A. Morris, Treasurer of Theological Seminary, Gettysburg,	-	-	\$45 00
Paid to Prof. Schmucker,	-	-	10 00
			<u>\$55 00</u>

The books and vouchers are herewith submitted to Synod for inspection.

JOHN P. CLINE, *Treasurer.*

(APPENDIX G.)

DIRECTORS TO THE GETTYSBURG SEMINARY FROM MARYLAND.

	Elected.	Time.	Expiration.
Rev. J. P. Cline,	1841,	5 years,	1846.
" S. W. Harkey,	1840,	5 years,	1845.
" J. G. Morris,	1844,	5 years,	1849.
" F. W. Conrad,	1844,	1 year,	1845.
Mr. John Baker,	1843,	5 years,	1848.
" Isaac Baugher,	1843,	5 years,	1848.

